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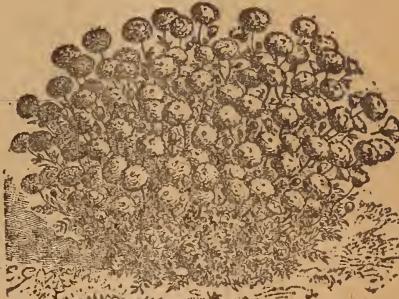
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MATRICARIA.

in the fall. It is a hard plant to raise. It needs lots of water. It has pretty white flowers that last a long time. Mary Lett, aged 11 years.

Boone Co., Ill., Nov. 27, 1902.

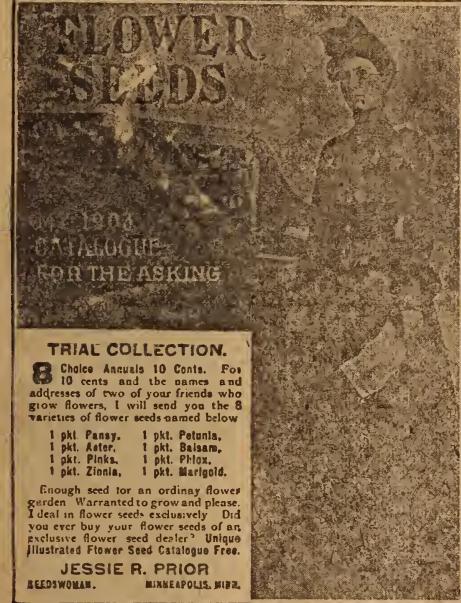
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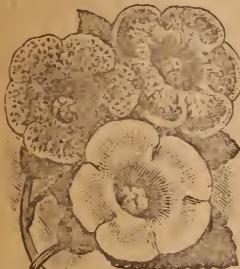
Cowley Co., Kas., Dec. 8, 1902.

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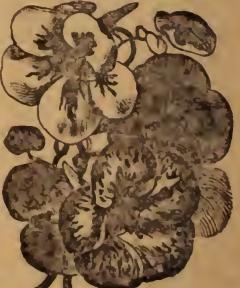


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FEBRUARY.

The old leaf turns on the calendar
And a new month takes its place;
Young Cupid is sending his pictures out
In frames of flowers and lace.
While Nature, prone to be left behind,
Remembers the trees and vines,
And fills the air with a generous share
Of snowflake valentines.

Wash. Co., Vt. Florence Josephine Boyce.

HEUCHERA SANGUINEA.

THE species of Heuchera or Alum Root are natives of America, and found mostly in rocky woods, and along the banks of mountain streams. The leaves are mostly tufted at the base of the plant, and are heart-shaped and somewhat lobed. The flower panicles push up from a foot to two feet high, and bear a profusion of small flowers. Usually these are white, but in the species shown in the engraving they are of various colors from white to rich dark red and scarlet. The plants thrive in any garden, and being hardy perennials will last for years when once started. They are very showy, and when the tall, graceful sprays are cut they make a fine decoration for the room or table.

The plants are easily propagated from seeds, which should be carefully sown on sifted leaf mould and sand, and very sparingly covered. Keep the soil moist till the little plants appear, and when large enough pick them out into a shallow tray, and get them well started before placing them in their garden bed. They will come into bloom the second season, and make a handsome display during the summer months. Many persons mingle the plants with other shrubbery, and for this purpose they are well adapted, as the foliage carpets the ground beneath the shrubs with verdure, while the slender scapes rise well above and brighten



HEUCHERA SANGUINEA.

the group at a time when there are few blooming shrubs. They are perennials well worth cultivating.

New Giant Primroses.—The new race of Star Primroses, which had their origin by crossing *Primula Stellata* and *Primula Chinensis*, have found great favor among those who delight in a show of beautiful window plants. They are tall and pleasing in habit, with spreading foliage and red scapes and stems. The flowers are loose and graceful, and produced in great abundance. Those who have tried them speak enthusiastically of their beauty and showiness. They will doubtless be more popular than the Chinese Primrose, when their merits become better known.

Aphis on Honey-suckles and Snowball.—The Aphis is so troublesome upon the Scarlet Trumpet and Old Dutch Honeysuckle, as well as upon the old-fashioned Snowball that it is almost impossible to find good specimens of these shrubs. The Aphis hibernate upon the buds and branches during winter, and are ready to come out as soon as the leaves develop in the spring. It is said that to spray with pure kerosine oil, using a fine spray and applying only enough to slightly moisten the branches will effectually destroy the resting insects. A liquid made with quassia-chips tea, whale oil soap and kerosine, applied as hot as the hand will bear would doubtless be as valuable. These strong remedies should only be applied in the dead of winter, when the plant is inactive. In the spring they would destroy the plants.

Lilacs.—Large pot-grown Lilacs purchased in the spring and turned out on the lawn will bloom during the first summer. The plants are mostly sold at \$1.00 each. Such plants purchased in the autumn and kept in a cool sunny room, will come into bloom during the winter.

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

FEBRUARY, 1903.

Circulation Bulletin.

Number of copies mailed of Park's *Floral Magazine*, as indicated by Postoffice receipts, for December, **352,565**.

Number of copies printed of Park's *Floral Magazine*, as indicated by press counters, for January, **353,000**.

Editorial.

Begonia Rubra.—When the new leaves of *Begonia rubra* fall off it is mostly due either to extreme changes of temperature to which the plant has been subjected, to insufficient drainage, or a dry or gaseous atmosphere.

Tuberous Begonias.—Get tubers an inch or more in diameter, and pot this month in porous soil with good drainage. Let the crown, usually the concave end, protrude above the surface. Started early the tubers will bloom early.

A Giant Fern.—A grand tub of *Gleichenia dichotoma* was exhibited at the Philadelphia Chrysanthemum Show in November. The fronds spread out gracefully, forming a globular mass eight feet or more in diameter and six feet high. It was verily a thing of beauty, and was greatly admired.

Wintering Chinese Hibiscus.—Plants of Chinese Hibiscus may be kept over winter in a cold climate by placing in a light, frost-proof cellar. It is generally safer, however, to keep them in a frost-proof room, watering sparingly. The plants like a rich, loamy soil. Towards spring begin to water more freely, and the growth will be renewed.

Silene and Stock.—A sister sends a pressed pink flower and a little bunch of pressed white flowers neatly attached by a cord, requesting names. The pink flower is *Silene pendula*, and the pink flowers are of *Virginia Stock*. Both are annuals of much beauty, and are worthy of a place in any garden. They are readily started from seeds.

BLUE SALVIA.

THE beautiful, large-flowered blue *Salvia*, *S. patens*, is a tuberous-rooted perennial, and can be kept over winter at the North in the same way as *Dahlias* are kept. The plants are easily propagated from seeds, and if started early will bloom freely in autumn. They grow from four to six feet high, and make a fine display in a group or bed. A *FLORAL* Sister from Taunton, Mass., under date of December 8, 1902, writes,

"Mr. Editor:—I grow a great many flowers from seeds, and each year make bouquets, baskets, pillows, etc., for our Fair. With the addition of some sprays of *Angel's Breath* (*Gypsophila paniculata*) my blue *Salvias* (*S. patens*) gave the finish to the bouquet which was awarded the First Prize this year. I grew the *Salvias* from a three-cent packet of seeds. I take up the tuberous roots in the fall and place in a box of dirt till spring. It likes rich soil and a sunny place. It is not a common plant, is easy to grow, and flowers the first season."

Salvia patens also appears well when grouped with shrubbery. Here it is greatly admired, as it is one of the few showy, rich blue flowers which bloom freely during the autumn months. The seeds usually require from two to three weeks to germinate.

Blooming Time.—Good buds of Chinese *Paeonies* set in the fall will often bloom the following season, if the conditions are favorable. Those that do not bloom then will usually bloom the second or third year. The blooming time depends, as a rule, upon the strength of the roots, the conditions of soil and situation, and the variety. The latter is important, as some varieties begin bearing much earlier than others.

Most of the *Honeysuckles* are of quick growth, and will often bear flowers in the autumn, if strong plants are set in the spring. Generally, however, they do not produce a crop of flowers before the second or third year after planting.

To Avoid Moles.—To avoid moles the best method is to sink a piece of good wire netting a foot wide, with meshes less than a half-inch, entirely surrounding the bed. Let the wire extend two inches above the surface, and turn it back two inches at the base, pounding the soil firmly about the wire as it is filled in. Where wire cannot be obtained inch boards a foot broad can be used, a two-inch lath being nailed at the base before placing to arrest the rodent, should he seek entrance by burrowing downward.

Bird of Paradise.—This is a species of *Poinciana*, usually blooming the second or third season after the seeds are started. Shift the plants into larger pots as they grow, and in summer plunge the pots into a sunny bed out-doors. It requires a porous, sandy loam and good drainage, and should be freely watered while growing. Where the climate is not severe this plant does well bedded out. It is not difficult to start from seeds.

DIASCIA BARBERÆ.

(See Illustration on 1st Title page.)

IT is not often that we have the pleasure of calling attention to a new annual of superior merit, but the *Diascia Barberæ* is so loudly praised by the introducers that it would seem a grateful task to get others interested in it. The original engraving on the first title page will give the reader some idea of the general appearance of a group of the plants. They grow a foot high, and if started early and bedded out in May will begin to bloom in June and continue in bloom throughout the summer. The flowers are not unlike *Alonsoa* in shape, and are of a beautiful rosy-pink color. It is highly recommended for bedding in the open ground, and deserves a trial.

The Gardener's Chronical, an authoritative English journal says,

"*Diascia Barberæ* is a plant near to *Alonsoa*, but differs in the presence of two spurs projecting from the back of the two lateral lobes of the lip. In *Linaria* there is but one such spur, but in the *peloria* variety there are five. This *Diascia* shows, therefore, an intermediate condition. The flowers are of a pale pink color.

The Garden, another reliable English journal, in reporting a flower show says,

"Some pots of a pretty South African annual, *Diascia Barberæ*, with coral-pink blossoms, were also shown. The plants are about eight inches high, and the flowers, that come freely on slender stems, are distinctly two-spurred, a rather rare occurrence in *Scrophulariaceæ*."

Being of easy culture this new annual should be given a trial this season by those who are interested in new and rare things.

Candytuft.—This old hardy annual does well when the seeds are sown in the fall. The white sort is the hardest, and the plants make a glowing mass of flowers early in summer, when fall-sown. It is generally better to sow the purple and carmine kind in early spring, at least in States north of Washington. The plants CANDY TUFT FLOWER. bloom well in a cool conservatory when started from seeds in September. The flowers are excellent for cutting, being very beautiful, and lasting well in a cut state. Plants grown from late spring-sown seeds come into bloom during the heat of summer, and are not so handsome as those blooming earlier.



Garden Pests.—Rake your garden, securing vines and rubbish and destroy all by burning. If there is a heap of boards or brush or weeds about destroy that also, for it is a hiding place for insects and their larvæ. The remains of Cabbage and other garden plants are often covered with aphis, and the pest appears as soon as the new growth of the garden begins. The more cleanliness we observe in the garden the less troublesome are the garden pests.

BEDDING CALCEOLARIAS.

THE new large-flowered Shrubby Calceolarias are much used in England for bedding purposes. The plants grow a foot tall, are of branching, compact habit, and become a mass of rich, Orchid-like flowers of various rich colors. They are readily started from seeds, and begin to bloom in from four to five months after the seeds are sown, continuing in bloom until the frosts of autumn destroy them. The plants are half-hardy perennials, and in former years were preserved and planted out the next season. Their easy culture and quick growth from seeds, however, has changed this method, and the plants are now mostly supplied by sowing seeds every season. The seeds are small, not as large as those of Petunias, but anyone with experience and skill will find no trouble in starting them. The plants also make fine specimens when grown in pots.

Winter Birds.—Birds that remain over winter at the North are very valuable to the gardener and orchardist, as they live chiefly upon insects, and hunt and destroy multitudes of them during their inactive winter state. In a recent bulletin Prof. Surface of the Pennsylvania Agricultural College speaks especially of the Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, erroneously called Sapsuckers. He says they do not suck sap nor injure trees, though they often peck the rough bark to get insects. They are found mostly upon the trunks and large limbs, head upward, and the tail feathers pressed against the tree for support. The Nuthatches are also valuable birds. They are small gray or drab birds with a long, straight slender bill, and alight upon the tree mostly with head downward, and pry into every crack and crevice searching for insects. They are popularly known as Tom Tits. The Chickadees are small grayish birds with a black head, and live entirely upon insects. They are among the most useful of our insectivorous birds. The Brown Creeper, known by its stiff, pointed tail feathers which are used against the tree for support, also its short, curved bill, is very useful in the orchard and among shrubbery, as it extracts insects of all kinds from places where they would be least suspected. All of these birds may be aided by hanging the refuse of butchering upon trees shielded from cats and squirrels. They will thus be enabled to help themselves during severe winter weather, where the supply of insect food would be scarcely sufficient to sustain them. Birds that live upon insects and seeds get their supply of seeds mostly from the weeds, and are thus helpful in destroying noxious weeds as well as noxious insects.

Slugs.—These may be destroyed by sprinkling the foliage of plants which they trouble with water in which is stirred some paris green. Where toads and frogs have access to the garden the slugs soon disappear

Garden Culture.

THE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

IT may be considered a common flower, but it is not nearly as common as it should be. It ought to be in every house. It is so easy of culture, has so long a season of blooming, has so great a variety of blossoms and is so hardy, that one may have many flowers, even if not of the choicest kinds. Gay enough for the gayest occasion, fair enough for the bride, pure enough for the grave of loved ones. A packet of seeds of the best sorts brings surprising results; or, if a few neighbors can arrange to each buy plants of different kinds, and next year exchange from the increase, they will be sure of having the colors they wish. I think the best results in ordinary culture come from allowing them to grow in open ground from early spring, pinching off tops to make them grow bushy, and give plenty of water and sunshine, with moderately rich soil. Pot them as soon as they begin to bud, but leave outdoor as long as frosts are not too severe. If one has a sheltered porch and can cover them cold nights, they can often remain out till after Thanksgiving. I have had some in bloom till Christmas. When done blooming, cut the stems and put the pots in the cellar till spring. They increase quite liberally, and are a good "general purpose" plant. In some things I don't mind if those who can afford it are exclusive and faddish, but flowers should be for all, and those that can be made plentiful with little care, ought to be encouraged. Few things brighten the life and touch the heart as they do, and especially do they express the sympathy of the heart in times of sorrow, when the "poor common words of courtesy seem to be but a mockery."

H. O. S.

Nodaway Co., Mo., Nov. 28, 1902.

Shielding Chrysanthemums from Frost.—If you have Chrysanthemums almost in bloom and are afraid the frost will catch them, drive stakes around them, high enough to keep the covering from touching the bloom, then throw some old quilt, or sheet, or anything large enough to come down good on the sides over them. Generally it turns warm in a few days, and you still have your flowers to enjoy. When cleaning out the stove I take the soot, put in an old kettle, pour boiling water over it, and when cold put around my plants. I also water about once a week with tobacco tea. Another good way to protect blooming Chrysanthemums is to turn a barrel over them. If they are a little taller than the barrel place two or three bricks on the ground around the plants for the barrel to rest upon. These can be lifted and the sunshine given free access during the day, then replaced at night. If the stem ends of the flowers are dipped in boiling water a short time it will make them keep longer. The hot water dries the sap and does not let it was'e.

Aunt Nan.

Henry Co., Ky., Oct. 31, 1902.

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.

THE Tuberous Begonias are the prevailing fashion of the day, and a most beautiful fashion they are, too.

As we read the descriptions of them in the various catalogues we are apt to be rather skeptical as to the size of blossoms, but try growing them and see if many of your blossoms will not be as large and beautiful as those described.

They are now used satisfactorily for bedding, but one must stake them or the high winds will spoil them. A rather shady situation suits them well.

Procure the tubers early in the spring, from a reliable dealer, plant in not too large a pot, in fairly rich, fibrous soil. Do not be too liberal with water until active growth has begun. They like to be kept in a warm place. Then how they will grow! How they will blossom!

Last summer mine began to blossom when not more than eight or nine inches high, and they blossomed right along during the summer until Jack Frost arrived.

Some of the blossoms will be three or four inches in diameter, and sometimes larger. One cannot half describe them, but too much cannot be said in their favor.

The colorings are perfectly exquisite. Some are purest waxy white, others various tints and shades of pink, yellow, salmon and red. One of mine last summer was a delicate lemon yellow, so waxen and beautiful; another was a deep rich crimson. All are indeed lovely. It is simply a matter of personal taste which is the most beautiful.

They bloom profusely the whole summer and fall; when through blooming withhold the supply of water and either pack the bulbs in sand and store in a frost-proof place, or leave in the pots until wanted again in the spring.

Worcester Co., Mass.

Ethelyn.

Cypress Vines.—Try some of these beautiful, filmy-foiled vines, with their red and white star flowers. Those who object to the coarse stems and foliage of some of our good stand-bys, should surely grow Cypress. You can bring us no such accusation against it. When I was a child we had some of the vines growing on strings, the strings fastened at the ground, to stakes driven to form a circle, and at the top to nails driven in a circular piece that was stoutly fastened to a post set in the center of the bed. When all was covered with the lace-like foliage, the green thickly interspersed with the vivid red and pure white blossoms. It was a lovely sight, one easily obtained, for the growth is rapid. It would also grow finely along the netting fence. Tree Cypress is also a nice plant.

Emma Clearwaters.

Vermillion Co., Ind.

[NOTE.—Tree Cypress is the hardy biennial known as *Ipomopsis elegans*. It grows three feet high, and can be started from seeds.—ED.]

New and Rare Plants.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH ISMENE CALATHINUM.

IN one of the catalogues *Ismene calathinum* is said to be an especially fine garden bulb. So, when I received mine in the fall, curiosity prompted me to find out if it was not a good winter, or early spring-bloomer as well. I therefore potted one of the very large bulbs in a seven-inch pot, put it in a warm place with bottom heat, and proceeded to wait. I continued this trying ordeal for some time; in fact, my patience lasted fully a month; but by that time the supply was entirely exhausted. Then the bulb was examined and found to be entirely dormant still, so it was carried to a warm cellar and left there dry until the latter part of January. Then courage revived as I thought of Easter, and again it was placed in the same warm spot, thoroughly watered. As it still did not appear to start, after some time, the pot was put on a rear shelf in a moderately warm room and left there in disgust. About the middle of March I thought I would use the pot for something else; so started to dig the bulb out, but soon stopped proceedings, for less than an inch from the surface I struck roots—and such roots! There seemed no soil left. I assure you that bulb was straightway given a select place near the glass in a south window. In a short time leaves appeared from the three crowns, and after that how they did grow. Up and up until they reached a height of two-and-a-half feet, and two of the leaves measured three inches in width. It was on May 10th that the buds first appeared, and nine days later the first two beautiful white Lilies were open, and delighting us with their loveliness and fragrance. There were three tall, strong flower scapes, and altogether eleven Lilies. Truly they were well worth waiting for; and with the handsome thrifty foliage they made a very beautiful display. The powerful yet delicious fragrance is similar to that of the *Datura*, and will perfume a whole house. Then, after all, my experiment was a success, though a little later in arriving than I had hoped. But I have "great expectations" for another year, and feel confident that next Easter will see this same *Ismene* bulb in full bloom and beauty. During the summer it was gradually ripened, the same as my *Amaryllis* bulb, until by fall the leaves are about gone. It will then be left dry—with perhaps an occasional watering to keep the roots alive—until January, when it will be treated as before, except that as soon as it shows signs of growing it will be repotted, of course disturbing the roots as little as possible. This will be necessary, because those strong roots have cracked the pot they are now in, a gentle hint for more room. To anyone who is fond of growing something rare and choice, this Lily will prove a rare treat. Flora Lee.

Dutchess Co., N. Y., Nov. 7, 1902.

COLEUS THYRSOIDEUS.

A NEW Coleus that has recently been introduced from South Central Africa, and which is highly praised as a winter-blooming plant, as it flowers freely from November till February. The blue flowered is Coleus *Thyrsoides*. The plant branches freely, and attains the height of two to three feet, every branch terminating in erect, panicle-like racemes of from ten to fifteen bright blue flowers with a short throat compressed laterally, and a two-lipped mouth. The plant may be grown readily from seeds, and requires only ordinary care to have it thrive and bloom. It was awarded a certificate of merit by the Royal Horticultural Society, and will doubtless prove a valuable acquisition to our list of winter-blooming plants.

Fatsia Horrida.—*Fatsia Horrida* is a perennial, forming enormous roots, and requires partial shade and damp soil. It throws up heavy, powerful zigzag stems, from eight to sixteen feet in height. This plant is especially noted for its bold, massive sub-tropical foliage, and its strikingly beautiful ornamental effect. The zigzag flower stems are clothed with balls of globe-shaped, snowy white blossoms, of great prominence and beauty. This plant dies down at the approach of frost, but starts growing again in the spring. The tubers can be planted early in the spring, in a moist and partially shaded piece of soil.

S. L. Watkins.

Eldorado Co., Cal., Nov. 27, 1902.

Cineraria polyantha.—This is a variety much admired. It originated by crossing *C. cruenta* and the fine greenhouse varieties. The plants are taller, the panicles larger, and the flowers smaller and in greater profusion than the florist's *Cinerarias* which have been so popular for some years past. The colors and combinations are as varied as those of the older sorts. Those who wish something new and choice should get seeds of *Cineraria polyantha*. The plants are easily grown from seeds, and they will please those who are successful with the better known varieties.

Solanum Azureum.—This is a plant new to many. In my opinion it should be in every collection. It makes a fine appearance at any time, but when covered with its beautiful clusters of blue flowers it will be greatly admired. It likes good rich soil, sunshine and plenty of water.

Nellie.

Henry Co., Ill., Nov. 20, 1902.

Genista Andreana.—This is a new variety of Broom, hardy and free-blooming as the yellow sort, but with flowers of two colors. It is often described as "Crimson and gold," and deserves the name, as a plant in bloom is exceedingly attractive. The flowers are pea-shaped, and are succeeded by pods of fruit.

Floral Poetry.

THE OLD FLOWER GARDEN.

I know a little garden
Where Morning Glories grow,
With Daffodillies
And Tiger Lilies
And Zinnias in a row.

And old time Ragged Robin,
With Indian Feather tall,
And you, my pet
Sweet Mignonette
The sweetest, best of all.

The Elm tree droops its branches
To shade the Columbine,
And P'ses bloom,
With sweet perfume,
As rich as Spanish wine.

The Amaranth and Cotton
Are growing rank and tall,
And Rose moss bright,
A lovely sight,
With thick leaves over all.

There Beans, the Scarlet Runner,
Mix with Madeira vine,
And Pansies blue,
And yellow too,
And Pinks and Phloxes shine.

A gentle gray-haired woman
These treasures tend with care,
Small things—but yet,
I'll ne'er forget
My hours of pleasure there.

Sherman Co., Neb.

Bessie Henry.

AN AUTUMN DAY.

To red and gold the leaves are swiftly turning,
The fall has come with queenly ways, supreme,
Summer is gone, her lights no more are burning,
Vanished! as vanishes some golden dream.

Brown and sere the lone moorland before us,
Fled the songsters from forests' gloom,
Full clear the blackbirds' farewell chorus,
Down where the Wild Rose shed her fragrant bloom.

The ravens call above the flaming Sumach,
Across the fields the purple Asters wave,
The squirrels chatter round the Woodbine hammock,
Above a silent owl stern and grave.

The Goldenrod her yellow plumes are lifting,
Toward the autumn sunshine's showy golden glow,
The crimson leaves the gentle breeze is lifting
From giant branches waving to and fro.

Autumn has come with bright frost-jewels shining,
Soon will the purple Asters all be dead,
But though 'tis so, why should there be repining?
"Seed-time shall never cease," the Lord hath said.

Springtime will come again with all her blessings,
Silvery notes will float upon the air,
Summer's sun again will be caressing
Rich grass and flowers, where now stubbled fields lie bare.

Lula Green.

Knox Co., Ohio, October 1, 1902.

GOLDENROD.

Knight of the Golden Plume,
Slender and stately,
Child of the common crowd
Knighted so lately.
Round thee the butterflies
Fearlessly flutter,
To thee the winged things
Their secrets utter.

What says the listless breeze
Languidly coming?
What breathe the belted bees
Drowsily humming?
"Share now thy mystic store,
Be mine adviser,
Had I but half thy lore,
Who would be wiser?"

Knight of the Golden Plume
Thy doom is written,
Soon wilt thou waiting stand
Hopelessly smitten.
Soon will the march of Time
Rob thee of glory,
Thou wilt the winter find
Haggard and hoary.

Arthur H. Goodenough.
Windham Co., Vt., Aug. 5, 1902.

THE PUSSY WILLOW.

Willow, Willow, Pussy Willow
O thou fluffy little mite,
Brave thou art this frosty weather,
Hood and cloak thrown off together,
Swinging there in spotless white.

Welcome, welcome Pussy Willow
To this chilly land of ours;
Though first messenger of spring,
Here before the robins sing,
Here before the April flowers.

Willow, Willow, Pussy Willow,
How I loved thee when a child;
When thy Pussies bloomed and died,
How I grieved for them and cried,
And would not be reconciled.

Many a springtime has been passin',
Many a year grown old since then,
But when'er the south wind blowing
Sets the Pussy Willows growing,
Comes my childhood back again.

Washington Co., Vt. S. Minerva Boyce.

TRUMPET MAJOR.

Dill, Oh Dearie Daffodil,
Do be careful lest you spill
A single drop of sunshine
From your brimming cup of gold,
Filled as full as it will hold
With shimmered summer sunshine.

Indiana Co., Pa.

Domine.

BIRTH OF THE FLOWERS.

Changing skies, with all sorts of weather,
Glimpse of sun and dashes of showers,
Winter and spring embracing together—
Lo! of this comes the sweet Mayflowers.

Suffolk Co., Mass.

A. F. L. Rossiter.

Window Culture.

COMMELINA SELLOWIANA.

THE engraving on this page represents a plant of the New Commelina Sellowiana. It is very desirable for pots, hanging baskets and sheltered places out-doors, being of dwarf, spreading habit, and bearing profusely large rich blue flowers throughout the summer. The plants are easily started from seeds, and like a rich, moist soil.

The genus Commelina was so named in honor of Johan and Kasper Commelin, Dutch botanists who lived during the seventeenth century. Most of the species are found in tropical countries, and are adapted only for greenhouse culture. The subject illustrated however, one of the finest, is of easy culture, and desirable for amateur cultivation. The genus is allied to Tradescantia, and with it constitute the better known part of the order Commelinaceæ, the Commelina differing in having only three perfect stamens. *C. erecta* is a hardy species found in Pennsylvania, and one of the largest of the genus, growing from two to four feet high. *C. Virginica* is another hardy species found in the Southern United States. It is of rather trailing habit, and bears handsome blue flowers. It is very pretty and showy.

Nasturtium.—A favorite of mine is Climbing Nasturtium. My windows are now bright with plants, and they have just this week succumbed to the biting, freezing cold in the yard, where they have been blooming since May—yes blooming and growing, for they are eight feet high and full of scarlet, sweet-scented bloom. They got no attention whatever, save the fastening up of a vine, and the picking a handful when one wanted a bright, sweet nosegay. Nothing among my flowers is more admired, or gives more pleasure than my Climbing Nasturtiums.

Lula P. Conkley.

King George Co., Va., Dec. 12, 1902.

Asparagus comoriensis.—The Asparagus fern "Comoriensis" is very satisfactory—growing well and in appearance coming between *Tenuissimus* and *plumosus*. I like it so far almost better than either, for cutting especially.

A. C. Hallett.

San Diego Co., Cal.



COMMELINA SELLOWIANA.

BLOOMING PARLOR IVY.

APARLOR IVY is trained over one end of our porch. The lady who lived here before we came intends taking it up when the frost has bitten it, so it is not pretty. She cuts it down and sets the old plant in a large pot and trains it around windows and pictures in her parlor. To-day, Nov. 15th, it is still untouched by frost, and something I never saw on it before—it is full of blossom buds, clusters of tiny flower buds; each bud as large as a Mustard seed, borne at almost every terminal branch. "Did it ever bloom for you before, Mrs. K." I asked her. "No, I never heard of one blooming." But it is too much to hope that the frost will hold off till we can see it in blossom. Can you tell me what its blossoms are like, and how old it must be before it will bloom?

Alice R. Carson.

Henrico Co., Va., Nov. 15, 1902.

[NOTE.—It is not uncommon for the Parlor Ivy, which is *Senecio scandens*, to bloom when grown in a rather large pot, allowed to vine untrimmed throughout summer. The plant belongs to the *Compositæ*, and the flowers are cream-colored, without rays, not unlike those of *Cacalia*, but smaller, and produced in corymbous clusters at the leaf axils.—Ed.]

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Primula obconica.—I raised some fine plants of *Primula obconica*

from seeds. I sow on top of fine soil, press down, water and cover with blotting paper and glass. Plants are easy to care for when raised, and keep in bloom a very long time, throwing up fresh flowers in clusters on long stalks, hardly resting. Mine are different shades of lavender. I keep the plants well out of the soil, give plenty of water and a cool place. I put them out-of-doors in summer and take them up in the fall.

Mrs. M. E. Rudolph.

Bristol Co., Mass., Dec. 8, 1902.

Begonia Vernon.—I have raised *Begonia Vernon* from seeds by sowing in a flowerer pot saucer, and placing in a china saucer, and covering with glass. The soil was kept moist by pouring water in the china saucer. They came true from seeds.

R. C. N.

Woodbury Co., Iowa, Dec. 10, 1902.

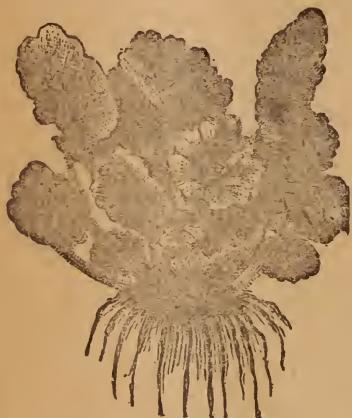
Snapdragons.—The Snapdragons bloom better in the house for me than any annual I have tried.

Mrs. R. C. Nisbit.

Woodbury Co., Iowa, Dec. 10, 1902.

SAXIFRAGA SARMENTOSA.

THIS is a basket plant, commonly called Beefsteak Geranium. It will completely cover a basket, making a solid mass of foliage. The leaves are prettily variegated, and innumerable long, graceful running stems crowned with a tiny new plant at the tip, hang in festoons all around the basket. They are prettiest grown in a wire basket so these little tips can be planted in the sides, forcing them through the moss with a blunt stick. The bloom is delicate and feath-

**SAXIFRAGA SARMENTOSA.**

ery, but not compared to the foliage. A well-grown basket will be a mass of foliage, and will be generally admired because so pretty and odd. Such a basket will have the merit of being easily cared for.

Nellie.

Henry Co., Ill., Nov. 20, 1902.

[NOTE.—There is a very beautiful variegated variety of this Saxifrage which the Editor saw in Belgium. Its leaves are a medley of green, pink, gray and chocolate. It is not constant, however, and in soil impregnated with iron it will return to its original colors—gray and green. The plants thrive in dense shade, and in a cool, moist atmosphere. They usually bloom early in spring.—ED.]

Asparagus Sprengeri.—A plant of this Asparagus obtained two years ago has been a thing of beauty. When we moved here in October we cut all of the branches off. Some were over five feet long. We brought the roots dry, and replanted them the 22nd of October. Twelve branches are now pushing out. Every root I brought is growing.

Mrs. D. S. Davenport.

Spokane Co., Wash., Dec. 5, 1902.

Farfugium Grande.—Farfugium Grande ought to be kept out of the hot sun, but put out real often at night to get the dew, then taken in early in the morning. Keep moist, not too wet, and do not allow it to bloom, as the bloom does not amount to much, and is an injury to the plant. Another thing, don't be too liberal with it. Cutting into it often kills the plant.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky., Oct. 7, 1902.

CARE FOR BEGONIAS.

AN ideal place for Begonias in summer we have found to be a back veranda which gets the sun three hours in the morning, and again near sunset. The floor is kept perpetually sprinkled, and the moisture rising beneath the leaves we consider a great element in our successes. The plants are in porous pots filled with rich wood's earth and sandy loam, and kept carefully enriched, and kept as uniformly moist as possible. This requires daily, and sometimes semi-daily attention in summer.

In our present quarters in the city our Begonias do little more than hold their own through the winter. They have a sunny bay window in a cool room, but coal-gas and illuminating are enemies to their highest well-being.

It is a matter for rejoicing when we have succeeded in wintering over choice specimens, and see them safely established in their congenial summer home, where they can develop in native luxuriance.

Mrs. W. A. Cutting.

Suffolk Co., Mass., Nov. 3, 1802.

Fuchsia Speciosa.—Fuchsia speciosa is one of those good old plants too rarely seen in the window garden. It is the only winter-blooming Fuchsia, and this alone should entitle it to a place in one's collection. It is very free-blooming when well-grown, and such an altogether neat looking plant, besides being really beautiful, that it should not be discarded. But to bloom well early in winter, give it good summer treatment. If a young plant, it should be grown vigorously all the season, pinched back several times, and frequently repot it. It will then be ready to send forth its flowers upon being taken into winter quarters. If an old plant, it should be cut back severely in the spring, rested for some time, then started into growth and repotted in fresh soil in a small pot, shifted into larger pots as it grows, and not allowed to bloom until late in the fall, when it will be ready to begin its winter work. A soil composed largely of leaf mould, with some rich sandy loam suits it, and it should be given more water than the majority of plants. When growing do not let the surface soil get really dry. It may be grown in a south window as well as an east one, and the rich coloring of the leaves and stems will be all the more beautiful.

Flora Lee.

Dutchess Co., N. Y., Nov. 2, 1902.

Chinese Primrose.—My Chinese Primroses bloomed all last winter. I did not know they were ripening seeds until the little plants came up in the pots in the spring. I transplanted these into other pots. They are blooming now. They have had only ordinary care. The foliage is beautiful, as well as the flowers.

Mrs. R. C. Nisbet.

Woodbury Co., Ia., Dec. 10, 1902.

Propagation.

STARTING DOUBLE PETUNIAS.

BUY a packet of seeds early, then take a tea-cup, half filled with ashes from the cook stove—wood ashes, put your Petunia seeds in with the ashes and sift all together on a newspaper. I mostly use a cheese box as my hot bed, filling it two-thirds full of charred bones, charcoal and sandy garden soil. After watering this thoroughly and allowing to stand half-an-hour to settle I resift my cup of ashes and seeds over the top of the cheese box. Cover with a brown "butcher paper," and leave alone for a few days. Water very carefully by drawing a brush dipped in water over the back of a comb or stick, like spatter work. You will soon see tiny plants coming through—very tiny at first. The pale, spindling yellow, sickly ones are your very choicest. After they get a few leaves, transplant them. You'll see them grow then.

Be sure and get the double fringed seeds. Not all will be double, but the single ones will be the largest, finest and most gorgeous of flowers,—and the doubles just as perfect. They bloom and bloom until frost. Cut them freely, slip off and root cuttings, and my word for it you will not have room for the increase. They are assentive flowers, like the Lilies, Dahlias and Snowballs. They want a pot or jar or churn for their stems. They give of their abundance—straggle over three or more feet of ground, and fling out their branches into their neighbor's branches and a huge striped bloom will open up in a plant of white ones three feet away. They seed plentifully, but as I always get new seeds each year I cannot tell if they would prove reliable the second season. I root slips from the fine double ones, and cut them back till they fit the space I have for them in the window. A light frost does not hurt them, but usually in Texas, when a spell of bad weather comes that kills the Petunias it also kills my out-door interest in the flower garden. Many Petunias have fragrance, all have their own beauty.

Lissa Gardner Bowman.

Grayson Co., Tex., Nov. 19, 1902.

Propagating Tuberoses.—I have been asked how to propagate Tuberoses. In the fall, when taking up other tender bulbs, take up the clumps of Tuberoses and separate them right away. Let the bulbs dry good, then cut leaves off to about one inch of the bulb, put in paper sacks and hang in a dry, frost-proof place. In spring plant in rows and cultivate like onions. They will bloom the third year. A neighbor always does hers this way, and this year she had seventy-five stalks in bloom at one time. Of course they have to be taken up each fall and treated the same way.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky., Oct. 31, 1902.

MY MAIDENHAIR FERN.

FOR years I had longed for a Maidenhair (Adiantum cuneatum) Fern, but reading repeatedly that it could not be grown successfully outside a greenhouse, I felt it useless to make the attempt. However, when a friend offered me a tiny one, and I saw her treatment would surely kill it, I decided it could not die any quicker for me, so accepted it. I potted it in a tiny pot of leaf mould with a trifle of sand, and thorough drainage, placed in a sunless window, watered sparingly but just enough to keep the soil slightly moist, and soon I had my reward in the appearance of a delicate little curl. The Fern has never stopped growing since, and now my little year-old plant is a joy in its daintiness. If it had not been for this experience I presume I should still have been without this charming bit of green.

Dutchess Co., N. Y.

Flora Lee.

Cyclamen Seeds.—Soak Cyclamen seeds a couple of hours in warm water. I find they come up much quicker.

Henry Co., Ill., Nov. 20, 1902. Nellie.

DID YOU EVER KNOW

That Improper Food Often Causes the Liquor Habit?

It's a great proposition to get rid of a taste for liquor by changing food.

"About three years ago," writes a man from Lowry City, Mo., "my appetite failed me and my food disagreed with me. I got weak and nervous and felt dull and entirely unfit for business; then like a fool I went to drinking liquor to stimulate an appetite. For a time that seemed to help and I congratulated myself on finding so simple a remedy. But, alas! I had to take more and more all the time until I got so that I could not get along without the whiskey, and I was in a pitiable condition.

I tried to quit but that seemed impossible as I needed nourishment and my stomach rejected food and the more whisky I drank the worse I got. I kept fighting this battle for more than two years and almost gave up all hope.

I noticed an advertisement of Grape-Nuts in the paper and concluded to try it. I found I could eat Grape-Nuts with a relish and it was the first food that I found nourished me for a long time. Soon my stomach trouble stopped, my appetite increased, the craving thirst relaxed until all desire for drink was gone. I have used Grape-Nuts constantly for over a year and I am now strong and robust; entirely cured from drink and able to work hard every day. My gratitude for Grape-Nuts is unspeakable as it has saved my life and my reputation." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Floral Miscellany.

ABOUT CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

WHAT flower is more common than the Chrysanthemum? It is everywhere, and grows with just as much beauty before the door of the meanest hut of the ragged outcast darkey, as in the gardens of the swellest "up-town" people. It is neither plebeian nor aristocratic. It is thoroughly a democratic flower. Never out of harmony with its surroundings, it has that wonderful faculty that makes the human animal a success. It is suitable alike for the wedding or the funeral, to adorn the altar or the tomb, to shine among the silken tresses of sweet sixteen or grace the silver-streaked locks of the dear old grandma. Always "just the thing" for a bouquet for teacher, or to carry to the bedside of an invalid friend. Chrysanthemums, with their many shades and combinations! Surely some fairy wizard had to do with your adorning, and painted you with the dyes of the golden sunset skies, mixed and mingled in such variety that no two groups are alike. Or did Mother Nature just try to see what a variety she could have in one of her floral families!

Alice R. Carson.

Henrico Co., Va., Nov. 15, 1902.

How to Cook Caladium Esculentum.—Having lived in British Honduras, Central America, I gladly respond to the request for information about Caladium Esculentum, as it was one of our field crops. It bears tubers which can be boiled, roasted or baked as a potato, but I prefer to use it with meats in a stew or in soups. The young leaves are sometimes used as "greens" or boiled salad, seasoned to suit the taste.

Mrs. Col. W. T. Mechling.

Bexar Co., Texas, Nov. 20, 1902.

The Christmas Flower of Mexico.—In Mexico the Red Poinsettia holds for the Mexican the same sentimental significance that the Holly and Mistletoe do in the northern countries. The Mexican Indians have a legend to account for its brilliant bracts of blood-red leaves, that a drop of blood blown from the pierced side of Christ touched the little plant, and ever since it has borne blood-red leaves. Lizzie Mowen.

Allen Co., O., Nov. 4, 1902.

Geraniums.—I never had success with Geraniums till I read about small pots for them. I use liquid fertilizer every two weeks made by pouring hot water on chicken manure or dirt from the barnyard. They are fine now. Mrs. Honor Remley.

Gage Co., Neb., Oct. 20, 1902.

Fall-blooming Quince.—My Flowering Quince bush is full of buds now—November 22nd, 1902.

L. A. Cadwell.

Litchfield Co., Conn.

ASPARAGUS CALIFORNICA.

THIS is a native Asparagus that surpasses the most delicate Fern in elegance of habit, and delicacy of spray. It is excellent for outside culture, as it will stand any amount of cold and heat. It forms enormous clumps, about six feet in diameter and six feet in height. The flower stems must be kept cut off to make a fine, bushy plant. Frost does not injure it. In early spring, plant in good rich soil, keep well cultivated, and as previously stated, keep all flower stems cut off.

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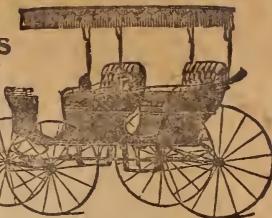
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Rat Portage, Ont., Jan. 5, 1903.

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Columbia Co., Wis. Sarah Alice Hogan.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old. I love flowers as well as anything, but we live out in Colorado on a ranch, and cannot raise many flowers. I study arithmetic, reading, physiology, spelling, language and geography. We have six horses—George, Rocket, Pearl, Dobbin, Maggie and Bess.

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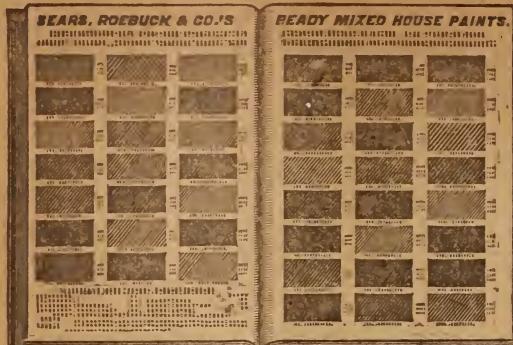
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JIMMY'S GARDEN.

Jimmy had a flower garden,
And every morning he would go
And water all his flowers,
Which were planted in one straight row.

One morning he was going
And saw a great big snake,
And he ran and dropped the basin,
And in ten pieces it did break.

He stumbled over his pet dog
And made it bark with anger,
Jim ran and tumbled in the house,
The dog crawled in the manger.

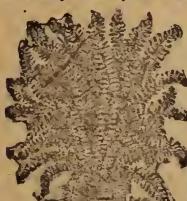
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Alice Pishion.

Dear Mr. Park—I am a little girl of eight. I go to school, and am in the fourth reader. The school house is across the road. I go to Sunday School almost every Sunday. I like to read the "Childrens Corner" very much. For pets I have two cats and a dog. Ethel Winger.

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Dear Mr. Park:—I have been reading your Magazine and think it nice. My uncle Charles takes it, and says your seeds are good. We are lovers of flowers. My little brother says he likes Mr. Park's flowers. I love your double white Stocks. I am ten years old, and go to school. I have a large doll with long black curls down to her waist. Her name is Margaret. I have a dog named Beauty, and a dear little kitten I call Coaly. Papa has a large number of ring doves. I have two brothers, John and Robert. John is five years old, and Robert is one year old. John is the one who said he likes your flowers. My papa owns a printing office. Besides my dolls and pets I have a large number of beautiful toys.

Clara R. Miller.

Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 8, 1902.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl of ten. I got the seeds you offered last spring, and all of my seeds came up but one kind—that was the one with the long name that was to be planted next to the Maize. Not one of the ladies that got those seeds succeeded in getting them to grow. My Maize grew eight feet eleven inches. Mine was the tallest of all the plants in the neighborhood. I have two sisters, Lottie and Martha. My mother is dead, and I live with grandma Bridwell. She takes your Magazine. I go to school every day, and am in the fourth grade.

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I had the variegated Wandering Jew to bloom once, and a neighbor had the dark-green variety to bloom. The former had a thin-petaled, crimson bloom, and the latter the same shaped bloom, only it looked as if fashioned from white velvet. You know they are Tradescantias, and the blooms are like in shape to the blue-eyed Mary. A wild variety grows in our garden and cornfield, which is quite common in the yards here, and is called "Corn Geranium." Every flower is a Geranium, but unless the charmer to know their names.

By the way, I had a Sweet Potato vine to bloom once. The plant was where it was trodden on, and the ground became hard, so the tubers could not form; so, true to the law of nature, it made an effort toward reproduction by budding and blooming. A blue Morning Glory-shaped flower, only cut after a narrower pattern, so it did not open out quite so wide. A beautiful blue with a pearly white throat.

Willard loves to experiment with flowers. He has a nice little plant of Kenilworth Ivy, the result of trying to see if a leaf would take root, and it did, and he is quite proud of it. He also has a Rose Geranium rooted in a glass pickle bottle, about three inches high. He filled it with the rich soil, and stuck his slip in it. I laughed at him, but thought he would be apt to learn better by his failure. He watered and set it in the sun. Now I can see the white rootlets running down between the soil and the glass. I never saw a Geranium take root and grow so quickly before. I shall try his plan myself. He has the laugh on me now, and says, "I told you I would bet a dollar I'd make it live." He is cut out for a florist.

Alice R. Carson.

Henrico Co., Va., Nov. 13, 1902.

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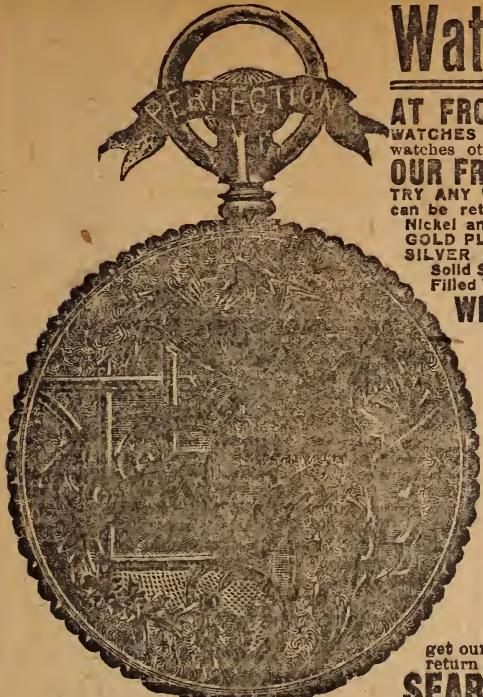
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Will either you or some of the sisters tell me what is the matter with a Geranium when one side of a strong, young plant turns brown and dry looking, and all the leaves on that side drop off? One of my choicest pink ones of a healthy vigorous growth is so affected. The other day in looking at some fine Rose cuttings I have in boxes, I noticed the end of one branch dead and upon examination discovered some sixteen or eighteen brownish gray-looking scales as I thought, sticking on the dead portion, partially lapping each other on both backs and sides. Breaking off the dead piece, I took my knife I had to force them loose from the stem. Thinking perhaps they were alive, although I saw no signs of life, I put them on top of a hot cook stove, and still saw no life except they popped a little and swiveled up. Can anyone explain to me what they are?

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Mrs. J. P. Hadley.

Wayne Co., Ind., Nov. 21, 1902.

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I gave them no care, never taking them up nor dividing them, except to give away when asked for some. We have no rain here, except now and then a shower in winter, and the bulbs were in hard adobe soil, often with no moisture for six or eight months at a time. But along the latter part of October they would force their way through the hard, dry earth, sending up a luxuriant growth of leaves, and later many spikes of beautiful flowers. They will withstand severe frosts when in bloom. Last March, in plowing up and changing the plan of our yard, the Lilies were plowed up, and I had a great quantity of bulbs, but not as large as they would have been if divided and given proper care. Ill health and several hundred chickens running at will prevented any attention given flowers, but when the "gude mon" gave up his poultry I decided to have some flowers once more, and saved the bulbs. Ill health again intervened and bulbs lay under an open shed until I noticed a few days ago they were sprouting, and hastily planted them. Some that were growing under a rose bush and were overlooked, came up without irrigation, and are in bloom now. The others will probably bloom during the winter.

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GOSSIP.

Dear Mr. Editor:—As I have never seen anything in Park's Magazine from this far north country I will write you about my conservatory and flowers, of which I am very proud, for, really I do think mine is the prettiest little conservatory in this part of the North-West. It opens from the library by an arch, over which a Hoya grows halfway, this blooms very often. I had an English Ivy meeting the Hoya, but it was destroyed by ants. What vine would you advise me to get to cover the arch in place of the Ivy? My Boston Fern fronds measure 5, 4 and 3 feet; the Christmas Cactus is three feet in diameter and has several hundred blossoms; an Asparagus Sprengeri has grown to the length of 4 and 5 feet. I had an American Aloe given me the other day. It is not at all like the Aloe maculata, but is more like the Century plant, only a lighter green, and is not variegated. I should like to ask some of your readers how to treat it. The plant is about two feet high. Ought the small shoots be taken off to keep it in better shape? The flower much resembles the Tritonia blossom, only pink. My night-blooming Cactus had a blossom ten inches across, and others smaller. E. M. Chadwick. Kat Portage, Ont., Jan. 5, 1902.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—I wish to tell about a beautiful bed of Zinnias I had this year, with very little trouble. In the spring I secured a single packet of mixed Zinnia seeds, planted them in fairly good ground; and during the summer I gave them very little attention, only keeping the weeds out, and pulling up the single varieties as fast as they bloomed. This left only the very double flowered varieties. They were showy, and bloomed all season, having flowers of many rich colors.

I, for one, am very partial to Perennial Phloxes. They are so easy of cultivation, and give a perfect wealth of bloom for a long time. I am astonished that flower lovers, and especially those who have not much leisure to devote to house plants, do not cultivate them more extensively. Once started they drop their seeds, and increase yearly with very little care, but they are improved, as everything else is, by a little care for winter, such as mulching, enriching the ground, etc. I love the old-fashioned Pinks, Dianthus and Sweet Williams, the flowers of our childhood and youthful days. They seem to remind us of our dear old home, and our parents, long since laid to rest, in

"The low green tent
Whose curtain never outward swings."

The beautiful new varieties, and novelties, Orchids, Cosmos and others, both possible and impossible, are all right, but let us have also something we can cut lavishly, and feel richer by bestowing on any who desire them, which we surely will not do with flowers which must be coaxed and petted all the time.

Alice M. Butler.

Greene Co., Mo., Nov. 24, 1902.

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Mr. Park:—Let me say a word of praise for the little Otaheite Orange I got of you as a premium with the Magazine. It was only five inches high. In the fall I set it in good loam and sand, and in February I counted one hundred and thirty blooms. It ripened one orange, as that was all I left on the tree. Also Asparagus plumosus nanus has climbed to the top of the window, and is a beauty with its delicate fern-like foliage. Another beauty for the window garden is the Johnsoni Amaryllis. I have one dozen in large pots with twenty flowers, all in bloom at one time. They are so fragrant, I would not be without them. I keep them in the cellar until new growth starts, then place them in the window and water freely until after done blooming.

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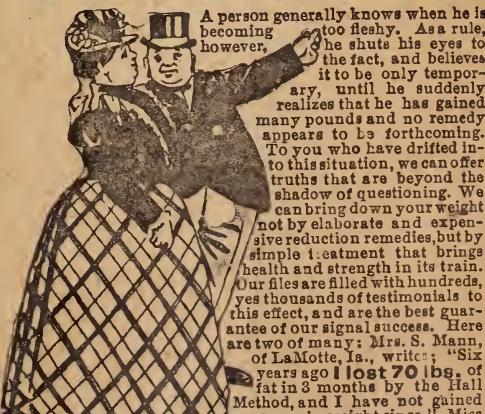
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